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## **FREE FORUM ON IMPACT OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES ON MEDIATION**

A free public forum on the impact of mental health issues on mediation will be held on Wednesday, May 26, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Mediation Center of the Pacific in the Dole Cannery Office Building, 680 Iwilei Road, Suite 530.

The forum will examine different approaches to successfully mediating disputes involving individuals with possible mental health issues. James K. Hoenig, J.D., Ph. D., and Craig Robinson, Ph. D. will suggest various techniques and interventions to help the parties maximize their chance for a successful resolution.

Hoenig is a mediator with Dispute Prevention Resolution. He has a law degree from Stanford, and a psychology degree from UCLA. Robinson is currently a clinical psychologist in private practice. He received his psychology degree from the University of Hawai'i.

The forum is part of a series of free public information sessions sponsored by the Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, the Mediation Center of the Pacific, and the University of Hawai'i's Program on Conflict Resolution.

To reserve a seat, request disability-related accommodations, or for more information, call the Mediation Center of the Pacific at 521-6767.

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